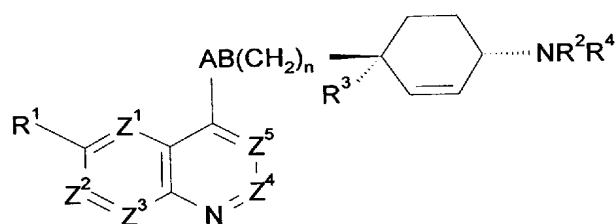


Amendments to the claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-14 (cancelled).

15. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof:



(I)

wherein:

~~one of Z1, Z2, Z3, Z4 and Z5 is N, one is CR1a and the remainder are CH, or one of Z1, Z2, Z3, Z4 and Z5 is CR1a and the remainder are CH;~~

one of Z1, Z2 and Z3 is N, one of the remainder or Z4 or Z5 is CR1a, and the remainder of Z1, Z2, Z3, Z4 and Z5 are CH;

R1 and R1a are independently selected from hydrogen; hydroxy; (C1-6) alkoxy optionally substituted by (C1-6)alkoxy, amino, piperidyl, guanidino or amidino any of which is optionally N-substituted by one or two (C1-6)alkyl, acyl or (C1-6)alkylsulphonyl groups, CONH2, hydroxy, (C1-6)alkylthio, heterocyclythio, heterocyclyloxy, arylthio, aryloxy, acylthio, acyloxy or (C1-6)alkylsulphonyloxy; (C1-6)alkoxy-substituted (C1-6)alkyl; halogen; (C1-6)alkyl; (C1-6)alkylthio; trifluoromethyl; nitro; azido; acyl; acyloxy; acylthio; (C1-6)alkylsulphonyl; (C1-6)alkylsulphoxide; arylsulphonyl; arylsulphoxide or an amino, piperidyl, guanidino or amidino group optionally N-substituted by one or two (C1-6)alkyl, acyl or (C1-6)alkylsulphonyl

groups, or when Z¹ is CR^{1a}, R¹ and R^{1a} may together represent (C₁₋₂)alkylenedioxy, or when Z⁵ is CR^{1a}, R^{1a} may instead be, cyano, hydroxymethyl or carboxy;
provided that when Z¹, Z², Z³, Z⁴ and Z⁵ are CR^{1a} or CH, then R¹ is not hydrogen;

R² is hydrogen, or (C₁₋₄)alkyl or (C₂₋₄)alkenyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups selected from:
amino optionally substituted by one or two (C₁₋₄)alkyl groups; carboxy; (C₁₋₄)alkoxycarbonyl; (C₁₋₄)alkylcarbonyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenyloxycarbonyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenylcarbonyl; aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by hydroxy, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, hydroxy(C₁₋₄)alkyl, aminocarbonyl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyl, (C₁₋₄)alkylsulphonyl, trifluoromethylsulphonyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenylsulphonyl, (C₁₋₄)alkoxycarbonyl, (C₁₋₄)alkylcarbonyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyloxycarbonyl or (C₂₋₄)alkenylcarbonyl; cyano; tetrazolyl; 2-oxo-oxazolidinyl optionally substituted by R¹⁰; 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione-4-yl; 2,4-thiazolidinedione-5-yl; tetrazol-5-ylaminocarbonyl; 1,2,4-triazol-5-yl optionally substituted by R¹⁰; 5-oxo-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl; halogen; (C₁₋₄)alkylthio; trifluoromethyl; hydroxy optionally substituted by (C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyl, (C₁₋₄)alkoxycarbonyl, (C₁₋₄)alkylcarbonyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenylcarbonyl; oxo; (C₁₋₄)alkylsulphonyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenylsulphonyl; or (C₁₋₄)aminosulphonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C₁₋₄)alkyl or (C₂₋₄)alkenyl;

R³ ~~is hydroxy~~ is hydroxy optionally substituted by (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (C₁₋₆)alkoxycarbonyl, (C₁₋₆)alkylcarbonyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenylcarbonyl or aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (C₁₋₆)alkylcarbonyl or (C₂₋₆)alkenylcarbonyl;

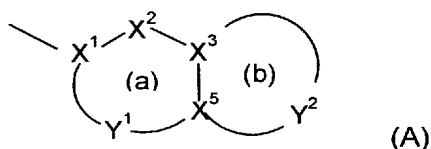
R¹⁰ is selected from (C₁₋₄)alkyl and (C₂₋₄)alkenyl ~~either of which may be optionally substituted by a group R¹² as defined above~~; carboxy; aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by hydroxy, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (C₁₋₆)alkylsulphonyl, trifluoromethylsulphonyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenylsulphonyl, (C₁₋

6)alkoxycarbonyl, (C₁₋₆)alkylcarbonyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyloxycarbonyl or (C₂₋₆)alkenylcarbonyl and optionally further substituted by (C₁₋₆)alkyl or (C₂₋₆)alkenyl; (C₁₋₆)alkylsulphonyl; trifluoromethylsulphonyl; (C₂₋₆)alkenylsulphonyl; (C₁₋₆)alkoxycarbonyl; (C₁₋₆)alkylcarbonyl; (C₂₋₆)alkenyloxycarbonyl; and (C₂₋₆)alkenylcarbonyl;

R⁴ is a group -CH₂-R⁵₁ in which R⁵₁ is selected from:

(C₄₋₈)alkyl; hydroxy(C₄₋₈)alkyl; (C₁₋₄)alkoxy(C₄₋₈)alkyl; (C₁₋₄)alkanoyloxy(C₄₋₈)alkyl; (C₃₋₈)cycloalkyl(C₄₋₈)alkyl; hydroxy-, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy- or (C₁₋₆)alkanoyloxy-(C₃₋₈)cycloalkyl(C₄₋₈)alkyl; cyano(C₄₋₈)alkyl; (C₄₋₈)alkenyl; (C₄₋₈)alkynyl; tetrahydrofuryl; mono- or di-(C₁₋₆)alkylamino(C₄₋₈)alkyl; acylamino(C₄₋₈)alkyl; (C₁₋₆)alkyl- or acyl-aminocarbonyl(C₄₋₈)alkyl; mono- or di-(C₁₋₆)alkylamino(hydroxy) (C₄₋₈)alkyl; or

R⁴ is a group -U-R⁵₂ where R⁵₂ is an optionally substituted bicyclic carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring system (A):



containing up to four heteroatoms in each ring in which
at least one of rings (a) and (b) is aromatic;

X¹ is C or N when part of an aromatic ring or CR¹⁴ when part of a non aromatic ring;

X² is N, NR¹³, O, S(O)_x, CO or CR¹⁴ when part of an aromatic or non-aromatic ring or may in addition be CR¹⁴R¹⁵ when part of a non aromatic ring;

X³ and X⁵ are independently N or C;

Y¹ is a 0 to 4 atom linker group each atom of which is independently selected from N, NR¹³, O, S(O)_x, CO and CR¹⁴ when part of an aromatic or non-aromatic ring or may additionally be CR¹⁴R¹⁵ when part of a non aromatic ring,

Y² is a 2 to 6 atom linker group, each atom of Y² being independently selected from N, NR¹³, O, S(O)_x, CO and CR¹⁴ when part of an aromatic or non-aromatic ring or may additionally be CR¹⁴R¹⁵ when part of a non aromatic ring;

each of R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ is independently selected from: H; (C₁₋₄)alkylthio; halo; carboxy(C₁₋₄)alkyl; halo(C₁₋₄)alkoxy; halo(C₁₋₄)alkyl; (C₁₋₄)alkyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenyl; (C₁₋₄)alkoxycarbonyl; formyl; (C₁₋₄)alkylcarbonyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenyloxycarbonyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenylcarbonyl; (C₁₋₄)alkylcarbonyloxy; (C₁₋₄)alkoxycarbonyl(C₁₋₄)alkyl; hydroxy; hydroxy(C₁₋₄)alkyl; mercapto(C₁₋₄)alkyl; (C₁₋₄)alkoxy; nitro; cyano; carboxy; amino or aminocarbonyl optionally substituted as for corresponding substituents in R³; (C₁₋₄)alkylsulphonyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenylsulphonyl; or aminosulphonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C₁₋₄)alkyl or (C₂₋₄)alkenyl; aryl; aryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl; aryl(C₁₋₄)alkoxy;

each R¹³ is independently H; trifluoromethyl; (C₁₋₄)alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, carboxy, (C₁₋₆)alkoxycarbonyl, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy, (C₁₋₆)alkylthio, halo or trifluoromethyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenyl; aryl; aryl (C₁₋₄)alkyl; arylcarbonyl; heteroarylcarbonyl; (C₁₋₄)alkoxycarbonyl; (C₁₋₄)alkylcarbonyl; formyl; (C₁₋₆)alkylsulphonyl; or aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C₁₋₄)alkoxycarbonyl, (C₁₋₄)alkylcarbonyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenylcarbonyl, (C₁₋₄)alkyl or (C₂₋₄)alkenyl and optionally further substituted by (C₁₋₄)alkyl or (C₂₋₄)alkenyl;

each x is independently 0, 1 or 2; and
U is CO, SO₂ or CH₂; or

R⁴ is a group -X^{1a}-X^{2a}-X^{3a}-X^{4a} in which:

X^{1a} is CH₂, CO or SO₂;

X^{2a} is CR^{14a}R^{15a};

X^{3a} is NR^{13a}, O, S, SO₂ or CR^{14a}R^{15a}; wherein:

each of R^{14a} and R^{15a} is independently selected from the groups listed above for R¹⁴ and R¹⁵, provided that R^{14a} and R^{15a} on the same carbon atom are not both selected from optionally substituted hydroxy and optionally substituted amino; or

R^{14a} and R^{15a} together represent oxo;

R^{13a} is hydrogen; trifluoromethyl; (C₁₋₆)alkyl; (C₂₋₆)alkenyl; (C₁₋₆)alkoxycarbonyl; (C₁₋₆)alkylcarbonyl; or aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C₁₋₆)alkoxycarbonyl, (C₁₋₆)alkylcarbonyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenylcarbonyl, (C₁₋₆)alkyl or (C₂₋₆)alkenyl and optionally further substituted by (C₁₋₆)alkyl or (C₂₋₆)alkenyl; or

two R^{14a} groups or an R^{13a} and an R^{14a} group on adjacent atoms together represent a bond and the remaining R^{13a}, R^{14a} and R^{15a} groups are as above defined; or

two R^{14a} groups and two R^{15a} groups on adjacent atoms together represent bonds such that X^{2a} and X^{3a} is triple bonded;

X^{4a} is phenyl or C or N linked monocyclic aromatic 5- or 6-membered heterocycle containing up to four heteroatoms selected from O, S and N and: optionally C-substituted by up to three groups selected from (C₁₋₄)alkylthio; halo; carboxy(C₁₋₄)alkyl; halo(C₁₋₄)alkoxy; halo(C₁₋₄)alkyl; (C₁₋₄)alkyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenyl; (C₁₋₄)alkoxycarbonyl; formyl; (C₁₋₄)alkylcarbonyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenyloxycarbonyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenylcarbonyl; (C₁₋₄)alkylcarbonyloxy; (C₁₋₄)alkoxycarbonyl(C₁₋₄)alkyl; hydroxy; hydroxy(C₁₋₄)alkyl; mercapto(C₁₋₄)alkyl; (C₁₋₄)alkoxy; nitro; cyano; carboxy; amino or aminocarbonyl optionally substituted as for corresponding substituents in R³; (C₁₋₄)alkylsulphonyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenylsulphonyl; or aminosulphonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C₁₋₄)alkyl or (C₂₋₄)alkenyl; aryl, aryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl or aryl(C₁₋₄)alkoxy; and optionally N substituted by trifluoromethyl; (C₁₋₄)alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy, (C₁₋₆)alkylthio, halo or trifluoromethyl; (C₂₋₄)alkenyl; aryl; aryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl; (C₁₋₄)alkoxycarbonyl; (C₁₋₄)alkylcarbonyl; formyl; (C₁₋₆)alkylsulphonyl; or aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C₁₋₄)alkoxycarbonyl, (C₁₋₄)alkylcarbonyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenylcarbonyl, (C₁₋₄)alkyl or (C₂₋₄)alkenyl and optionally further substituted by (C₁₋₄)alkyl or (C₂₋₄)alkenyl;

n is 0 or 1 and AB is NR^{11}CO , CONR^{11} , $\text{CO-CR}^6\text{R}^7$, $\text{CR}^6\text{R}^7\text{-CO}$, $\text{O-CR}^6\text{R}^7$, $\text{CR}^6\text{R}^7\text{-O}$, $\text{NHR}^{11}\text{-CR}^6\text{R}^7$, $\text{CR}^6\text{R}^7\text{-NHR}^{11}$, $\text{NR}^{11}\text{SO}_2$, $\text{CR}^6\text{R}^7\text{-SO}_2$ or $\text{CR}^6\text{R}^7\text{-CR}^6\text{R}^7$,

provided that $n=0$, B is not NR^{11} , O or SO_2 ,

and provided that R^6 and R^7 , and R^8 and R^9 are not both optionally substituted hydroxy or amino;

and wherein:

each of R^6 , R^7 , R^8 and R^9 is independently selected from: H; (C_{1-6}) alkoxy; (C_{1-6}) alkylthio; halo; trifluoromethyl; azido; (C_{1-6}) alkyl; (C_{2-6}) alkenyl; (C_{1-6}) alkoxycarbonyl; (C_{1-6}) alkylcarbonyl; (C_{2-6}) alkenyloxycarbonyl; (C_{2-6}) alkenylcarbonyl; hydroxy, amino or aminocarbonyl optionally substituted as for corresponding substituents in R^3 ; (C_{1-6}) alkylsulphonyl; (C_{2-6}) alkenylsulphonyl; or (C_{1-6}) aminosulphonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C_{1-6}) alkyl or (C_{2-6}) alkenyl;

or R^6 and R^8 together represent a bond and R^7 and R^9 are as above defined; in optionally substituted amino the amino group is optionally mono- or disubstituted by (C_{1-6}) alkoxycarbonyl, (C_{1-6}) alkylcarbonyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenylcarbonyl, (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, (C_{1-6}) alkylsulphonyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenylsulphonyl or aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C_{1-6}) alkyl or (C_{2-6}) alkenyl;

in optionally substituted aminocarbonyl the amino group is optionally substituted by (C_{1-6}) alkyl, hydroxy (C_{1-6}) alkyl, aminocarbonyl (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, (C_{1-6}) alkoxycarbonyl, (C_{1-6}) alkylcarbonyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyloxycarbonyl or (C_{2-6}) alkenylcarbonyl and optionally further substituted by (C_{1-6}) alkyl, hydroxy (C_{1-6}) alkyl, aminocarbonyl (C_{1-6}) alkyl or (C_{2-6}) alkenyl;

and each R^{11} is independently H; trifluoromethyl; (C_{1-6}) alkyl; (C_{2-6}) alkenyl; (C_{1-6}) alkoxycarbonyl; (C_{1-6}) alkylcarbonyl; or aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C_{1-6}) alkoxycarbonyl, (C_{1-6}) alkylcarbonyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenylcarbonyl, (C_{1-6}) alkyl or (C_{2-6}) alkenyl and optionally further substituted by (C_{1-6}) alkyl or (C_{2-6}) alkenyl;

or where one of R^6 , R^7 , R^8 or R^9 contains a carboxy group they may together with R^3 form a cyclic ester linkage.

16. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 15 wherein ~~Z^5 is CH, Z^3 is CH or CF, Z^1 is CH or C-OCH₃ and Z^2 and Z^4 are each CH, or Z^1 is N, Z^3 is CH or CF and Z^2 , Z^4 and Z^5 are each CH.~~

17. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 15 wherein R^1 is methoxy or fluoro and R^{1a} is H or when Z^3 is CR^{1a} it may be C-F.

18. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 15 wherein R^2 is hydrogen.

19. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 15 wherein R^3 is hydroxy.

20. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 15 wherein n is 0 and either A is CHOH or CH₂ and B is CH₂ or A is NH and B is CO, and $AB(CH_2)_n$ and NR^2R^4 are trans.

21. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 15 wherein R^4 is -U- R^{5_2} , the group -U- is -CH₂-, and R^{5_2} is an aromatic heterocyclic ring (A) having 8-11 ring atoms including 2-4 heteroatoms of which at least one is N or NR^{13} or the heterocyclic ring (A) has ring (a) aromatic selected from optionally substituted benzo and pyrido and ring (b) non-aromatic and Y^2 has 3-5 atoms including NR^{13} , O or S bonded to X^5 and NHCO bonded via N to X^3 , or O bonded to X^3 .

22. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 15 wherein R^{5_2} is selected from:

benzo[1,2,5]thiadiazol-5-yl;

4H-benzo[1,4]thiazin-3-one-6-yl;

2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl;

benzo[1,2,3]thiadiazol-5-yl;

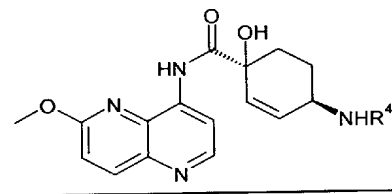
3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl;
7-fluoro-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4] oxazin-6-yl;
2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[2,3-b][1,4]thiazin-7-yl;
2,3-dihydro-[1,4]dioxino[2,3-c]pyridin-7-yl;
3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]oxazin-6-yl;
[1,2,3]thiadiazolo[5,4-b]pyridin-6-yl;
3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]thiazin-6-yl;
7-chloro-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]thiazin-6-yl;
7-fluoro-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]thiazin-6-yl; and
2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b][1,4]thiazin-7-yl.

23. (Currently amended) A compound selected from:

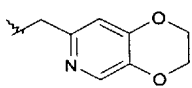
(1*R*,4*S*)-1-hydroxy-4-[(3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]thiazin-6-ylmethyl)-amino]-cyclohex-2-enecarboxylic acid (6-methoxy-[1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl)-amide and (1*S*,4*R*)-1-hydroxy-4-[(3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]thiazin-6-ylmethyl)-amino]-cyclohex-2-enecarboxylic acid (6-methoxy-[1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl)-amide;

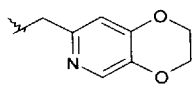
(1*R*,4*S*)-1-hydroxy-4-[(3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]oxazin-6-ylmethyl)-amino]-cyclohex-2-enecarboxylic acid (6-methoxy-[1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl)-amide and (1*S*,4*R*)-1-hydroxy-4-[(3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]oxazin-6-ylmethyl)-amino]-cyclohex-2-enecarboxylic acid (6-methoxy-[1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl)-amide; 1-hydroxy-*t*-4-[(2,3-dihydro[1,4]dioxino[2,3-c]pyridine-7-ylmethyl)-amino]-*r*-cyclohex-2-enecarboxylic acid (6-methoxy-[1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl)-amide (E2 isomer); and

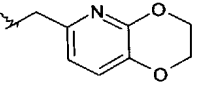
compounds of the following formula:

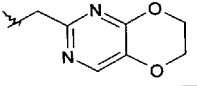


in which:


R⁴ is and the compound is the E1 amide isomer;


R⁴ is and the compound is the E2 amide isomer;

 R⁴ is and the compound is the E2 amide isomer; or

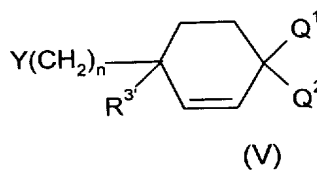
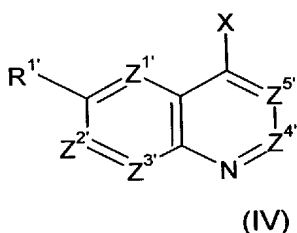
 R⁴ is and the compound is the E2 amide isomer;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

24. (Currently amended) A method of treatment of bacterial infections in mammals, particularly in man, which method comprises the administration to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 15.

25. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 15, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

26. (Currently amended) A process for preparing a compound according to claim 15, which process comprises reacting a compound of formula (IV) with a compound of formula (V):

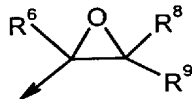


wherein n is as defined in formula (I); Z^{1'}, Z^{2'}, Z^{3'}, Z^{4'}, Z^{5'}, R^{1'} and R^{3'} are Z¹, Z², Z³, Z⁴, Z⁵, R¹ and R³ as defined in formula (I) or groups convertible thereto; Q¹ is NR^{2'}R^{4'} or a group convertible thereto wherein R^{2'} and R^{4'} are R² and R⁴ as defined in formula (I) or groups convertible thereto and Q² is H or R^{3'} or Q¹ and Q² together form an optionally protected oxo group; and X and Y may be the following combinations:

- (i) one of X and Y is CO₂R^Y and the other is CH₂CO₂R^X;
- (ii) X is CHR⁶R⁷ and Y is C(=O)R⁹;
- (iii) X is CR⁷=PR^Z₃ and Y is C(=O)R⁹;
- (iv) X is C(=O)R⁷ and Y is CR⁹=PR^Z₃;

- (v) one of Y and X is COW and the other is $\text{NHR}^{11'}$;
- (vi) X is $\text{NHR}^{11'}$ and Y is $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^8$ or X is $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^6$ and Y is $\text{NHR}^{11'}$;
- (vii) X is $\text{NHR}^{11'}$ and Y is $\text{CR}^8\text{R}^9\text{W}$;
- (viii) X is W or OH and Y is CH_2OH ;
- (ix) X is $\text{NHR}^{11'}$ and Y is SO_2W ;
- (x) one of X and Y is $(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{-W}$ and the other is $(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{NHR}^{11'}$, $(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{OH}$, $(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{SH}$ or $(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{SCOR}^x$ where $p+q=1$;
- (xi) one of X and Y is OH and the other is $-\text{CH}=\text{N}_2$;
- (xii) X is W and Y is $\text{CONHR}^{11'}$;
- (xiii) X is W and Y is $-\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ followed by selective reduction of the intermediate $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$ group;

in which W is a leaving group, ~~e.g. halo or imidazoly~~; R^x and R^y are (C_{1-6}) alkyl; R^z is aryl or (C_{1-6}) alkyl; A' and $\text{NR}^{11'}$ are A and NR^{11} as defined in formula (I), or groups convertible thereto; and oxirane is:



wherein R^6 , R^8 and R^9 are as defined in formula (I);
and thereafter optionally or as necessary converting Q^1 and Q^2 to $\text{NR}^{2'}\text{R}^{4'}$;
converting A' , $\text{Z}^{1'}$, $\text{Z}^{2'}$, $\text{Z}^{3'}$, $\text{Z}^{4'}$, $\text{Z}^{5'}$, $\text{R}^{1'}$, $\text{R}^{2'}$, $\text{R}^{3'}$, $\text{R}^{4'}$ and $\text{NR}^{11'}$ to A, Z^1 , Z^2 , Z^3 , Z^4 , Z^5 , R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and $\text{NR}^{11'}$; converting A-B to other A-B, interconverting R^v , R^w , R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and/or R^4 , and/or forming a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

27. Canceled.

28. (New) A method according to claim 24, wherein said mammal is a human.